

WE'RE IN A DROUGHT SAVE WATER SAVE OUR RESERVES

California is facing the worst drought in its history. On April 1, Governor Jerry Brown issued California's first-ever mandatory water reductions to cut water use statewide by 25%. Based on Covina's per-capita water use, the state determined that Covina, must reduce water consumption by 28% over the next year.

Covina's Water Conservation Ordinance includes the following Water Use Restrictions:

- Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape, or other vegetated area with potable water is limited to Wednesday and Saturday, from April through October. During the winter months of November through March watering is limited to Wednesday only

- Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water is prohibited everyday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

- Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape, or other vegetated areas with potable water is limited to a maximum of 15 minutes per station per day.

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- No runoff is allowed from irrigation.
- Washing down hard or paved surfaces, including but not limited to sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas, tennis courts, patios or alleys, is prohibited.
- All leaks, breaks, and other malfunctions in the water user's plumbing or distribution system must be repaired within forty-eight (48) hours of notification by the City unless other arrangements are made directly with the City.
- Operating a water fountain or other decorative water feature that does not use recirculated water is prohibited.
- Using water to wash or clean a vehicle is prohibited except by the use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing, shut-off nozzle or device, by high-pressure/low-volume wash systems, or at a commercial car washing facility that utilizes a recirculating water system to capture or reuse water.
- Filling or refilling ornamental lakes or ponds is prohibited except to the extent needed to sustain aquatic life.
 - Irrigating is prohibited during and within 48 hours following measureable rainfall.

View the <u>Water Conservation Fact Sheet here</u> which addresses Frequently Asked Questions about current water restrictions and conservation.

To view the content of the public notice see below.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF COVINA

DECLARATION OF LEVEL 2 WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE

MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION REQUIRED

EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Covina, California has declared a Level 2 Water Supply Shortage pursuant to Chapter 13.06 (Water Conservation) of the Covina Municipal

Code. In response to the additional water use reductions and mandatory restrictions imposed on Covina Water Utility customers by the State, this action is necessary to address the increasingly severe drought conditions, to ensure that the City will be able to continue to meet all of the water demands of its customers, and to comply with new State emergency conservation regulations.

In addition to the prohibited uses of water identified in Sections 13.06.040 and 13.06.050 of the Covina Municipal Code, the following additional water conservation requirements shall be in effect during a declared Level 2 Water Supply Shortage per Section 13.06.060:

- 1. Watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape, or other vegetated area with potable water is limited to two days per week on a schedule established and posted by the Director of Public Works. During the months of November through March, watering or irrigating of lawn, landscape or other vegetated area with potable water is limited to no more than one day per week on a schedule established and posted by the Director of Public Works. This subsection does not apply to landscape irrigation zones that exclusively use very low-flow drip irrigation systems when no emitter uses more than two gallons of water per hour. This subsection also does not apply to watering or irrigating by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing, shut-off nozzle or device, or for very short periods of time for the express purpose of adjusting or repairing an irrigation system.
- 2. All leaks, breaks, or other malfunctions in the water user's plumbing or distribution system must be repaired within forty-eight hours of notification by the city unless other arrangements are made with the city.
- 3. Filling or re-filling ornamental lakes or ponds is prohibited except to the extent needed to sustain aquatic life, provided that such animals are of significant value and have been actively managed within the water feature prior to declaration of a supply shortage level.
- 4. Using water to wash or clean a vehicle, including but not limited to any automobile, truck, van, bus, motorcycle, boat or trailer, whether motorized or not, is prohibited except by the use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive self-closing, shut-off nozzle or device, by high-pressure/low-volume wash systems, or at a commercial car washing facility that utilizes a re-circulating water system to capture or reuse water.

For information about these water conservation requirements, please call the Environmental Services Department at (626) 384-5480.

View Covina Municipal Code 13.06.060 Level 2 water supply shortage here